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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Director of Current Intelligence  
Director of Economic Research  
DDI Planning Officer

**SUBJECT :** National Intelligence Survey Program

1. Attached is a draft memo on the NIS Program prepared in response to the DDI memo to me, same subject, dated 6 April 1973.

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2. On the cost and man-year estimates, I have had help from [REDACTED]. The figures, however, are only estimates. I am preparing a Comparative Cost Tab that will facilitate consideration of that aspect of the matter.

3. I am preparing my own recommendation and will circulate it with the Comparative Cost Tab Friday or before. My recommendation will combine: (a) maintaining a national program; (b) a significant reduction in coverage; (c) centralizing non-DoD production in OBGi; and (d) making greater use of external contracts. It will reduce DDI resource allocations significantly.

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**Attachment:**

Draft memo, dated 17 Apr 1973 w/tabs

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